

REMARKS

In the Office Action of March 14, 2006, made final, the Examiner rejected claims 1-13 and 15-24 under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated and objected to claim 14 as being dependent on a rejected base claim but otherwise allowable.

The independent claims have been amended in view of the allowability of claim 14. Accordingly, applicants believe the claims under examination are allowable. Claims 1, 7, 15, 19, 20, and 24 have been amended. Claims 3-6, 8, 13, 16, 18, and 23 have been canceled.

The Office Action contains numerous statements characterizing the claims, the Specification, and the prior art. Regardless of whether such statements are addressed by Applicant, Applicant refuses to subscribe to any of these statements, unless expressly indicated by Applicant.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. No amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

Thus applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully solicited. Please contact the below-signed if there are any issues regarding this communication or otherwise concerning the current application.

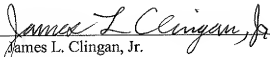
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